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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Jubilee, Rips, 42,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Teazer, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Marion E. Turner, Rips, 130,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
Steamer Pet, shore, 14,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
Steamer Lydia F., shore, 12,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 13,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
Steamer Marchant, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh pollock.
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Quero Bank, 33,000 lbs. halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Seaconnet, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Rebecca, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.
Steamer Quartette, Rips, 15,000 lbs. pollock, went to Boston.
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, haddock.
Sch. Marsala, Georges.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, haddock.
Sch. James and Esther, pollocking.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddock.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddock.
Sch. Winnifred, Rips.
Sch. Olympia, Rips.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.
Bank halibut 8 1-2 cents per pound for white and 6 1-2 cents per pound for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.
Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt., medium, \$2.50, snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds is on Parkhurst's railways.
Sch. Rose Standish is on the Rocky Neck railways.
Sch. Valentinna is on Parkhurst's railways.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. James and Esther has given up fresh drift codfishing for a while and gone pollock seining.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Two Sisters, 4000 cod.
Sch. Annie Perry, 6000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Gov. Russell, 7000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 4000 cod.
Sloop Forty-four.
Sch. St. Paul.
Sch. Quartette, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Eugenia, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Aspinet, 5000 cod, 20,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Vator, 9000 cod.
Sch. F. D. Brown, 2000 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. James H. Cromwell, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 15,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Stranger, 2500 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Buema, 500 haddock, 3000 cod, 12,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.
Sch. Metamora, 4000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 15,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 2000 halibut.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.30 to \$2; pollock, \$1.15; halibut, Wednesday, 5 to 9 cts. per lb.; today 10 cts. per lb.

FLEET STILL TAKING MACKEREL.

But Heavy Gale Last Night Interfered With the Seiners.

Netting Fleet Also Appear to be Off the Fish.

A heavy gale sprang up to the southward yesterday and got to work in good shape last night, so that the mackerel fleet out around Block Island were unable to even look for fish and were obliged to tuck in reefs and start for harbor, for shelter, quite a number of them making Newport this morning. Some fish were taken the night before, enough to show that the mackerel are still there, and these were landed at Newport last evening and this morning.

At New York this morning are a baker's dozen of netters, and the size of the trips show that they have either been off the fish or up against weather too bad to allow setting their nets. At New York today the same weather conditions prevail as out Newport way, so several more of the netters may hustle in before the day is over.

Seiners at Newport.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, 14,000 fresh medium mackerel.
Sch. Muriel, Capt. Fred Carritt, 90 bbls. fresh medium mackerel.
Sch. George Parker, Capt. Joseph E. Graham, 25 bbls. fresh medium mackerel.
Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus E. Morgan, 6000 fresh medium mackerel.
Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, 20 bbls. fresh medium mackerel.
Sch. Olga, Capt. Daniel McKay, 20 bbls. fresh medium mackerel.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Olive May, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Reliance, 200 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Dart, 20 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Sloop Pearl, 11 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Sloop Clara T., 9 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Sloop Bird's Nest, 12 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Sloop Mollie, 12 bbls. fresh mackerel.
Sloop Tony Silva, 20 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Netters at New York.

Sch. Carrie E., 100 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mildred, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Louise, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. E. H. Smeed, 800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Reliance, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lear C., 800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. C. A. Dolliver, 300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Florida, 1400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lafayette, 1200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Cherokee, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nelson, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sloop On Time, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Sabine, 650 fresh mackerel.
Sch. John M. Keen, 850 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, 820 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Freedom, 250 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Marguerite, 400 fresh mackerel.

Netters at New Bedford.

Sloop Crescent, one barrel fresh mackerel.
Sloop Hester, three barrels fresh mackerel.
Sloop William Wolf, three barrels fresh mackerel.
Sloop A. S. Caswell, two barrels fresh mackerel.

At Other Ports.

Four barrels of mackerel came up to Boston from Hyannis yesterday morning from the traps there and small netters, and it is said that there are two barrels to arrive from Halifax by steamer today. This will be the first mackerel from the provinces. The Edgartown mackerel netters are getting 150 fish each per night on the south side of the Vineyard.

Seiners Took Fish Wednesday Night.

Of the seiners at Newport, sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, came in late yesterday from the same grounds where the others got their fish the two previous nights with 14,000 medium fish in count, and sch. George Parker also came along about the same time. This morning schs. Muriel, Constellation, Olga and Conqueror came in with their trips, all taken in the same locality.

Capt. Morgan of sch. Constellation, who is landing his fourth trip of the season today, reports being in sight of sch. Mary E. Harty when Capt. Cameron made his big haul. From the size of the fleet there and in port today, he was of the opinion that a great many vessels had given up out there and gone to the Cape Shore. He said it was blowing heavy, and the fleet had to come down to reefs in making port, as it was half a gale from the eastward. At this port now is but one craft fitting for seining, sch. Mildred V. Nunan.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon sailed for Boston yesterday afternoon to finish fitting out and will soon get away.

Cape Shore Fleet.

Thus far 63 vessels in all have sailed seining, and from now on all eyes will be on the Cape Shore, where the schools should now be striking on. Of the southern fleet, 33 have been home to fit out again, but as many of the vessels that went late were all fitted for the Cape Shore, they were not expected home again until after the trip to the Nova Scotia shore.

The exact size of the Cape Shore fleet this season cannot be determined at this writing, but it is safe to say that it will not be as large as last year, which numbered just as many crafts as there are at present in the whole seining fleet, 63 vessels, and surely some, probably quite a number, will remain out south and give the Cape Shore the go-by.

The fleet on the Cape Shore last season made a big record. Every vessel but one got fish. A few made small trips, but the great majority, indeed nearly all, did well and many secured extra fine fares.

The total Cape Shore catch of the New England fleet for 1908 was 13,963 barrels of salt mackerel, an average of 222 barrels to each craft that went there, and in addition to this, 30 of the 63 crafts brought home fresh mackerel in addition to their salt ones, to the great aggregate of about 650,000 fish in count, an average of 22,000 fish to each of the 30 vessels bringing the fresh ones, which was certainly big work, as 20,000 fresh mackerel are a trip in themselves, anywhere except on the Cape Shore.

Sch. Squanto, one of the seining fleet, was at Liverpool, N. S., Tuesday for harbor.

Mackerel Traps at Nova Scotia.

Three mackerel traps are all that will be set down this season at Yarmouth, N. S. One was pursued Monday and took one mackerel.

A mackerel trap is being put down at Seal Rock, N. S.

The fish trap at Brynes Point, N. S., was pursued Monday for the first time. Two mackerel and some mixed fish were found in it. The traps at Cranberry Head and Sanford are all in readiness and were pursued for the first time Tuesday.

Sighted Mackerel Off Body Island.

Officers of the Clyde line steamship Katahdin, which arrived at Boston yesterday morning from Jacksonville, Brunswick and Charleston, reported sighting great schools of mackerel off the southern coast.

Chief Officer Macbeth told a reporter that several small schools were seen 70 miles east northeast from Body Island, and four or five big schools were sighted off Barnegat. The water was fairly alive with the elusive fish, which scores of vessels from this port and Boston have been out in search of.

The chief officer said that the mackerel fleet was miles to the eastward of the schools, which accounts for their poor success this season.

He said there are plenty of fish, but the poor luck of the fleet is due to the fact that the vessels have not been in the right locality. He has noticed this on several of his trips up and down the coast.

Considerable stock is taken here in the above report.

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LITTLE DOING AT T WHARF.

Only Nine Boats There All with Small Fares.

Boston's fish story for today is quickly told. There are nine crafts in, and altogether they have about one good sized off shore trip. The dealers do not want any fish, as it is getting the last of the week, and prices are therefore low, with little trade reported.

Four out of the nine crafts in are Provincetown's, sch. Richard being high with 24,000 pounds.

Steamer Quartette is there again today with a small fare of pollock and a few of the little chaps have a handful of codfish. That's all.

Haddock brought only \$1.50 and \$1.75, large cod, \$1.75 and market cod \$1, with a few at \$1.60. Pollock sold from 60 cents to \$1.

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BOARD OF TRADE ACTED.

Secured Services of Scientist to Study Cause of Fish Turning Red.

The statement that the matter of fish turning red was to be investigated by request of the board of health, as the types made us say yesterday, should have read board of trade instead as was evident from the main part of the story. The board of health have nothing to do with the matter.

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FROM COW IVORY.

Billiard Balls Made from Particular Kind of Ivory.

Billiard balls are made from tusks of a certain convenient diameter, known as "Cow" ivory. Bull tusks run from 12 to 30 pounds in weight and bring \$5.50 a pound. Piano-key manufacturers use only the larger bull tusks, of a weight which cows never attain, say 40 pounds and over. Ten years ago 70 pounds was a fair average for a shipment, while today 50 pounds is considered good. The heaviest pair of tusks within the memory of American experts are 224 and 239 pounds, respectively. They were bought at Kanzibar in 1900 by a New York house for £1000.

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Halifax Fish Market.

The feature of the market is the demand for dry fish, which are moving off well. All kinds of cheaper codfish are scarce. The Porto Rico market is keeping up well, and the shipments of cheap grades to that island are fairly large. About all the cargoes stored here during the winter have changed hands and are being shipped.

Haddock and hake are very dull, but there is quite a demand for pollock.

The Lunenburg fleet has been home from the first baiting, and while the reports from some vessels are favorable, others have done very little. The prospects are about as usual, up to May 19, for the first baiting.

Two cargoes of cod arrived from Newfoundland ports last week, and we understand both have been placed at fairly remunerative rates.

E. F. Hart & Co. and J. A. Farquhar & Co., two of the oldest fish firms in the city, who were burned out by the water front fire two weeks ago, have opened new offices.

The following are the prices at present ruling on the Halifax market:

Ex-Store.

Dry Cod—

Large hard shore, choice	.....	\$5.50
Medium hard shore	.....	\$5.00
Small hard shore	.....	\$4.00
Large bank	.....	\$4.25@4.50
Bay	.....	\$3.25@3.50
Labrador	.....	\$3.25
Haddock, hard shore	.....	\$3.75
Haddock, western	.....	\$2.50@3.00
Hake	.....	\$2@2.25
Pollock	.....	\$3.00

Ex-Vessel.

Shore, tol. qual.	.....	\$3.50@3.75
Bank, tol. qual.	.....	\$4.00
Haddock	.....	\$2@2.25
Hake	.....	\$1.75@2.00
Pollock	.....	\$2.25@2.50
Herring—		
C. B. No. 1, July, per bbl.	.....	\$4.50
Bay of Islands, split, No. 1, do.	.....	\$3.50@3.60
Labrador, No. 1, per bbl.	.....	\$4.50
Shore No. 1, large split	.....	\$4@4.25
Alewives, No. 1	.....	\$4@4.25
Mackerel, No. 3 large	.....	\$6.50@7
Do. No. 2 fat	.....	\$12.00
Do. No. 1 fat	.....	\$14.00

Large Lobster Shipment.

Bringing in the largest shipment of live lobsters received this season, the steamer Prince Arthur, Capt. Kinney, arrived at Long wharf, Boston, yesterday morning from Yarmouth, N. S. In her holds were 1467 crates of lobsters. Each crate contained about 175 lobsters, weighing about a pound and a quarter each, making a total of 322,156 pounds in the shipment. The value of the consignment is over \$64,000.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Yarmouth—Only three mackerel traps will be operated this season; one pursed Tuesday afternoon for one mackerel and two salmon; other traps will purse in a few days.

Port La Tour—Cod fair.

Sand Point—Cod and lobsters fair.

Liverpool—Alewives plenty and cod plenty; haddock fair; American seiner Squanto in port; United States mackerelers reported off this port.

Lunenburg—Cod fair; lobsters scarce.

Musquodoboit—Lobsters fair.

Salmon River—Lobsters fair.

Isaac's Harbor—Cod and lobsters fair.

Queensport—Cod, herring and lobsters fair.

Arichat—Haddock and lobsters fair.

Cheticamp—Herring very plenty; 1200 per net reported; lobsters scarce.

Margaree—Herring and lobsters plenty.

Port Hood—Herring fair; lobsters scarce.

Portland Fish Notes.

Some time during Wednesday night the new fishing schooner Topsail Girl lying at anchor in Portland harbor, off the Marine Railway, was boarded by several persons and the brand new flying jib was taken off the vessel. Yesterday morning the loss of the jib was noticed and it was afterwards located and taken back on board. It was understood that the men were known but had not been arrested up to a late hour.

A large lobster weighing eight pounds was taken by a fisherman named Trott Thursday in his trap near the White Head spindle, in the passage between Peaks Island and White Head. By the large proportions of the lobster it is a mystery how he got into the small opening of the trap.

Haddock Struck at Canso.

Haddock have struck at Canso, N. S., and the nets and traps are getting good fishing.

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Whale Fishing on the Maine Coast.

Southwest Harbor, Me., plans a new industry during the coming summer in a revival of whale fishing. Whales are said to be plentiful off Mt. Desert Rock and vicinity, and John Stanley and sons have bought the steam yacht Princess from Castine summer parties, and will utilize her for a whaling craft during the coming summer. The Princess is a flyer, very fast, with 215 horsepower, and is 72 feet long. Bomb guns will be fitted on her decks and she will go after the whales in dead earnest. Each finny monster is worth something like \$500.

French Fishing Schooner Fined.

The French fishing schooner Dictator, which was seized by Captain J. W. Gordon, of the Canadian government cruiser Gladiator, on Thursday last, for violating the customs laws, has been liberated. The schooner was seized for going into and sailing from St. Ann's last summer without going through the formality of entering and clearing with the customs officers, the maximum penalty for which is \$400. The vessel was dealt with leniently, however, and released on payment of \$50 fine.

Large Halibut.

One of the halibut landed at T wharf Boston, on Tuesday, from the fare of sch. John Hays Hammond of this port weighed 365 pounds, the largest seen around here for many years.

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POLLOCK FLEET
DOING WELL.

Some Large Fares Have Already Been Landed.

The pollock seining fleet which is operating on the Rips, also in Ipswich bay and along shore here, is beginning to get in its good work. Already several very large fares have been landed by the larger vessels engaged, while the gasoline craft are getting almost daily trips. A goodly body of these fish are reported both along shore and on the Rips and a good season is looked for. The fish are low in price, but with good catches the crafts engaged will knock out a good season's work.

A few days ago, sch. Thomas J. Carroll landed 107,000 pounds and is looked for again in a few days, and sch. Olive F. Hutchins is also due.

Yesterday sch. Marion E. Turner brought in 130,000 pounds and this morning the little down east steamer Elthier came in with 40,000 pounds, after having a fair trip the day before.

In all, the fleet landing here comprises about 25 sail, of which six are good sized schooners and the rest steamers and large sized gasoline craft. The fleet is as follows: Schs. Marion E. Turner, Robert and Carr, James and Esther, Olive F. Hutchins, Thomas J. Carroll and James A. Garfield, steamers Pet and Elthier and gasoliners Bessie A., Lydia F., Bryda F., Herbert and Emma, Quartette, Water Witch, Independence, Bessie M. Dugan, Mystery, Reliance, Transfer, Capt. Hodgkins' new one, Capt. William Marchant's boat, auxiliary sch. Mary Emerson, also the Newburyport boats Alice, Pearl and Capt. Walter King's craft.

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Provincetown Notes.

Gasoline schooner Gleaner, Capt. S. T. Hatch, secured 28,000 pollock in the harbor Sunday morning.

The Fisherman cold storage started up May 17, with 100 bbls. herring.

The Provincetown fleet and Hyannis and Hyannisport boats are landing rather small fares of mackerel, but have been fetching enormous prices, 50 and 60 cents apiece for them.

Three large mackerel were taken John O'Neil's trap Wednesday.

Manuel A. Perry got 540 lbs. halibut on Middle Bank and landed same at J. R. Williams's wharf Tuesday morning.

PRICE OF CODFISH.

New Yorker Claims Provincial Dealers are Trying to Lower It.

In speaking of the export fish business, a prominent New York exporter said to the New York Fishing Gazette:

"While New York dealers are doing their utmost to advance the price of codfish as fast as possible, and at the same time are endeavoring to secure a reduction of the tariff on salt fish, it is to be regretted that dealers living in Nova Scotia, and particularly in Newfoundland, do not seem to recognize the value of the work that is being done for them.

"In fact, in several cases they are co-operating with the people who are working against them, and have always been working against them, namely, the consignment houses and who are now buying very little fish in the hope of discouraging the efforts made in New York to place the business on a firm order basis.

"If these people shall succeed, packers and shippers will soon find themselves in the old predicament of being forced to consign and taking what the consignee will give them, which has been so unsatisfactory and disastrous in the past."

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THE CANADIAN FISHERIES.

During the season over 70,000 men were engaged in the Canadian fisheries, and used equipment representing an aggregate capital of nearly \$15,000,000. The lobster plant alone is valued at over \$1,500,000, comprising the equipment of nearly 700 canneries, 21 of which are in Nova Scotia.

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Sch. Robert and Carr, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Elthier, shore, 40,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mary DeCoste, via Boston.

Sch. Annie Perry, via Boston.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.

Sch. Norma, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ramona, Rips.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, Boston.

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Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50, snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Steamer Reliance, Boston for Portland.

Harbor Notes.

The schooner yacht Princess is in port.

Sch. Mary Edith is at Burnham's shears for a new foremast.

Schs. Mary Edith and Ellen C. Burke are on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Annie Perry is on Burnham's railways.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Kineo baited at Edgartown Wednesday.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney was at Clark's Harbor, N. S., recently.

Sch. Letter D. is coming here from Swampscott to go on the railways.

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Sch. Richard, 8000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 6000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Wm. A. Morse, 5000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Quartette, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 4000 cod.
Sch. Georgianna, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mary B. Green, 7000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Arbitrator, 8000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina, 2000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.75; market cod, \$1 to \$1.60; pollock, 60c to \$1.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Lobsters fair; cod, haddock and herring scarce.
Yarmouth—Cod and lobsters plenty; haddock and halibut fair.
Port La Tour—Cod fair.
Sand Point—Cod and lobsters fair.
Liverpool—Alewives and cod plenty; haddock, herring and lobsters fair.
Lunenburg—Cod fair; lobsters scarce.
Musquodoboit—Lobsters fair; cod scarce.
Salmon River—Lobsters and trout fair.
Spry Bay—Lobsters fair.
Queensport—Cod, haddock, herring and lobsters fair.
Canso—Cod and lobsters fair.
Port Malcom—Lobsters fair.
Arichat—Haddock and lobsters fair.
Cheticamp—Herring plenty; lobsters fair.
Port Hood—Herring fair; lobsters scarce.
Magdalen Islands—Herring very plenty.

Crew of Seized Sealers in Jail.

The United States revenue cutter Rush arrived Tuesday from Sitka with the captain and crew of the Japanese sealing schooner Keisen, which was seized in Redoubt Bay on May 4, for cruising within the three mile limit. The alleged poachers were taken to the federal jail. The skins seized on the schooner will be held pending a jury's verdict. All the evidence against the Japanese is the testimony of a number of Indians, who told the authorities that they had discovered the Japanese schooner inside the fishing limits.

Will Make Short Trip.

Capt. Joseph Mesquita, who returned yesterday morning with the Francis P. Mesquita from an off-shore trip, will make a short trip next. Capt. Mesquita is one of the leaders in the celebration of Pentecost Sunday in the Church of Our Lady of Good Voyage here and will time his arrival here so that he can attend that celebration on June 30.

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WHERE ARE THE CLAMS?

Rhode Island's Famous Crop Is Threatened With Destruction.

The prophecy that there would be a clam famine on Narragansett bay this season was well founded. Hitherto large production beds are barren, no new sets were made, and partakers of "genuine Rhode Island clambakes" will during the coming summer feast on clams from the coast of Maine or Long Island. The manager of two of the largest resorts on the bay has already made a contract for Long Island clams, to run from May 1 to September 1, and it will keep two gangs of clambers busy day and night, as they must work when the tide is on the ebb.

Something must be done to restore the Narragansett bay clam beds, and a suggestion is made by Shellfish Commissioner Collins. "Investigation discloses that the principal reason why clam sets have failed in Narragansett bay," said Commissioner Collins, "is that the beaches are too hard. The spat is washed up on the beaches to be set by nature, but the sand and mud is so hard on the top that the spat cannot burrow. The ebb tide washes them off, and the crop is lost."

"I have suggested a plan for experimental work which I am sure will give valuable pointers to the restocking of the clam beds. I would take a strip of beach, plow it thoroughly at low tide and divide this into thirds. One section I would leave in the rough, the next I would rake over after a tide had washed up the clam spat, and a third I would plant with young clams which are winnowed early in the season by the full tide. I am confident that the first patch, left wholly to nature, would produce a great crop, and that the experiment would teach us that a little inexpensive ploughing each spring, just enough to give the spat a chance to set, that there need be no need of a clam famine in Rhode Island and dependence upon Maine and Connecticut for the supply of shellfish."

WEATHER BOTHERING SEINERS.

Many Vessels Now in Harbor Because of Prevailing Storm.

One Half of the Mackerel Fleet Still Located Out South.

The cold easterly storm, with high wind accompaniment which came on out south Thursday night has put an embargo on the operations of the mackerel fleet since that time and sent the vessels to harbor. Last night at Newport, it was still raining and the wind was blowing hard from the eastward, so there will be no chance to fish today.

Late yesterday afternoon, sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, which had been hanging out throughout the stormy day, sought Newport harbor, and brought with her 70 barrels of medium mackerel, caught before the storm came on. A few belated netters also came in.

Today no mackerel arrivals are reported at any port.

Netters at New York.

Sch. Hockomock, 300 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gracie E. Freeman, 275 fresh mackerel (sent up by dory.)

Seiners at Newport.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, 70 barrels of fresh medium mackerel.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Jessie, 500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lewis Warren, 225 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Vesta, 700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gracie Smith, 800 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Helena, 150 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Uncle Sam, 150 fresh mackerel.

Schs. Rex, Terra Nova, Pinta and Diana harbored at Newport yesterday. They had no fish. These craft, with schs. Arthur James, Conqueror, Constellation, Monarch, Ariel, George Parker, Olga, Mary E. Harty, Pontiac, Clintonia, Fanny E. Prescott and Effie M. Prior and others are among the late stayers out south. Some of them will probably go to the Cape Shore first chance.

Fresh Mackerel Catch Ahead of Last Year.

It seems hard to realize that the mackerel fleet has landed more fresh fish than it did last year, up to this date, but such is actually the case. The balance in favor of the present season thus far is about 2200 barrels. Last year to date 5472 barrels had been landed, while the tally for this season, up to today, shows about 7600 barrels. The number of fish landed this season thus far is about 590,000.

Half of the Fleet Yet South.

It will be quite a surprise to many of the vessel owners to learn that over half of the seining fleet is still to the southward, but such is actually the case. A dispatch to the Times this morning from its Newport, R. I., correspondent states that 15 sail are harbored today at Block Island, while 20 more have their anchors down at Newport. A heavy northeast gale is still prevailing out there and it is no fish day today.

Cape Shore Mackerel Late.

This date, May 22, is generally, taking it year in and year out, the day when the first mackerel schools on the Cape Shore are seen and taken, but from present indications it will be later this season.

The traps on the Cape Shore have been taken but few mackerel as yet, and none have been reported schooling.

Mackerel at Boston.

At Boston yesterday 1164 barrels of fresh mackerel were received from Newport, averaging 70 fish to the barrel. The fish sold at 13 cents each in Boston.

Sch. Lillian Stocked \$1387.

The netting sch. Lillian, Capt. Augustus Robishaw, which hailed for 6000 fish on her last trip in, counted out 8160 fish, which brought her \$1387. On her previous trip she stocked \$625, so now she is over \$2000 to the good.

Sch. Victor and Tartar of the seining fleet, were at Liverpool, N. S., on Wednesday.

The sloops Mystic Bell and Columbia, which have been fishing from Kittery, Me., are now fitting for south netting.

The catch of fresh mackerel by the New England fleet to date:

1909, 7580 barrels.
1908, 5472 barrels.
1907, 12,604 barrels.
1906, 8379 barrels.
1905, 13,729 barrels.
1904, 23,506 barrels.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date for the past six years have been as follows:

1909—Catch of 1908, 43,875 barrels.
1908—Catch of 1907, 24,645 barrels.
1907—Catch of 1906, 41,849 barrels.
1906—Catch of 1905, 45,409 barrels.
1905—Catch of 1904, 30,322 barrels.
1904—Catch of 1903, 49,970 barrels.

The catch of salt mackerel by the New England fleet to date for the past six years has been:

1909, none.
1908, 47 barrels.
1907, 71 barrels.
1906, 329 barrels.
1905, 52 barrels.
1904, 111 barrels.

May 22.

PACIFIC CODFISH MARKET.

Reduction in Price Failed to Move Large Amount of Goods.

Regarding the condition of the salt codfish market on the Pacific coast, the following interviews with leading dealers there, and published in the Pacific Fisherman, are of considerable local interest:

The Robinson Fisheries Co. of Anacortes, Washington, says: "The codfish market at the present time is extremely dull, very little moving and about the same condition of affairs as prevailed last year, namely, low prices, and these low prices the result, as before, of dealers not sticking to a price that would enable them to enjoy a fair profit, and most of the goods that have gone into consumption has been at prices which cannot return actual cost to the producers. As is always the case in such instances, this has helped to reduce the trade in this commodity by failing to move as large an amount of codfish as had been looked for. Such a condition is disastrous to the trade, as from this time on it diminishes a great deal, and the fish deteriorates more or less, making it more difficult to sell the stocks on hand than when the fish are new and in constant demand."

C. P. Overton of the Union Fish Company of San Francisco, says: "Latest advices from our shore station at the Shumagin Islands indicate an almost complete failure of the winter fishing, and the season practically over. Our own catch and the fish purchased from the Pacific States Trading Company gives us stock enough to alone supply the entire requirements of this market until the arrival of the summer fishing fleet. There will, therefore, be no scarcity of codfish in this market. Trade is exceedingly dull and goods are moving off very slowly. A reduction in the price made a short time since failed to produce any extra demand for the goods."

"Some little anxiety has been felt by producers on this coast concerning the tariff on fish. During the present consideration of this question in the senate, a concerted effort has been made by a number of commission dealers and importers of codfish from Canada, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to secure a reduction in the duties, they making the plea of 'cheap fish for the masses.' The producers of codfish interested in deep sea fisheries on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts have hastened to urge their senators to protect the industry against the much cheaper labor of the northern provinces. The preservation of this industry is really dependent upon this protection, and means not only the producing of food by our own people, and distribution at American ports of the enormous sums of money expended in the maintenance of the industry, but it also means the training of a class of hardy sailormen, and the continuance of almost the last remaining branch of the American merchant marine."

Alfred Greenebaum, of the Alaska Codfish Company of San Francisco, says: "Latest mail advices are to the effect that there has been no improvement in the catch of the fishing stations, and as the season is about closing we do not look for more than about one-half of the usual production. Notwithstanding the shortness of the winter catch, with the carry-over from last season, it will be more than sufficient stock for trade supplies until the summer catches are delivered. The demand for codfish since the close of Lent is extremely small. It appears, however, that all lines of business are suffering from stagnation."